

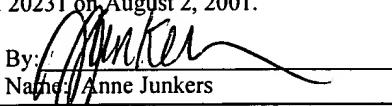
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PATENT

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Applicant: BLACH ET AL. Examiner: G. DAWSON
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Title: NASAL SUPPORT DEVICE FOR DOMESTIC MAMMALS AND
METHOD

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated May 2, 2001. In view of the following amendments and response, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 10, and 17 as follows:

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Q/P [initials] 1. (Four times amended) A support device for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage of an animal, the support device comprising:
an adhesive layer for securing the support device to the tissues;
a support layer; and
a surface layer, the surface layer configured to include:

a center transverse dimension having a center transverse axis therethrough;

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